

transmitter/receiver, the personal computer and each installed communication application software to proceed with the work while communicating with the other workers.--

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please substitute the following Abstract for the Abstract starting at page 68, line 2 and ending at line 20. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto is attached.

--A distributed office system and a method of managing the system includes a plurality of user terminal devices installed in different places and usually one host server device connected via a communication network. The plurality of offices distributed in the different places can entirely function as one office space.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2 and 22 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-18, 20, 21 and 23-40 as follows. A marked-up copy of the amended claims showing the changes made thereto, is attached. Note that all the claims currently pending in this application, including those not presently being amended, have been reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience.

1. (Amended) A distributed office system provided with terminal devices installed for a plurality of users, and a server device connected to the terminal devices via a